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In re the Application of: Toshirou ARIGA et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1714

Examiner: P. Niland

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For: AGENT IMPARTING IMPACT RESISTANCE AND POLYESTER COMPOSITION
CONTAINING THE AGENT

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -

GROUP ART UNIT 1714

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Commissioner for Patents
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June 9, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003, the response due date extended to June 15, 2003 by a two-month Extension of Time, Applicants amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

11. (Amended) A polyester composition composed of a lactic acid polyester (III) containing a polylactic acid (V) and an agent imparting impact resistance (IV), wherein an agent imparting impact resistance (IV) has a lactic acid unit (I) and a polyester component (II) at a weight ratio within the range of 10:90 to 90:10, a weight average molecular weight of 10,000 or more, [and] a glass transition temperature of 60°C or below, and the lactic acid polyester (III) comprises a block